

Highlights from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee Meeting

March 19, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

1520 Market St., Courthouse Conference Room, St. Louis, MO 63103

Executive Committee Members present: Darryl Chatman, Donny Carroll, Len Toenjes, Pat Coleman, Ed Hamilton, Michael Walter and Jeff Taylor Ex Officio.

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi.

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes.

SLATE staff: Susan Fulton, Kim Neske.

Len Toenjes called the meeting to order. Roll call was completed. The budget report was provided by Kim Neske. She explained that she and her staff are looking at what we have outside of WIA. She explained we have \$3 million with \$1.4 million to the contractors. Len asked that the services provided to MSD, Ballpark Village, SLDC and BPS be explained. Mr. Holmes explained that MSD is providing funding for 3 staff to do their intake when hiring someone new for the transformation they will be doing over the next 20 years. Ballpark Village has hired a staff person who will be housed there to make certain individuals hired go through SLATE services. So far 600+ people have been hired to work there. With SLDC, SLATE is responsible for the workforce part of the board bill. With it, we are able to charge a fee for service. Board of Public Service (BPS) works the same way.

Update of Action Item Report:

- Recertification process. Mr. Holmes said we would be sending out applications in April so members can complete and send back to Susan. He also said if the board members had someone for us to look at, send the information to Susan.
 - Show-Me Heroes: 10 Flags of Freedom were recently given. Mr. Holmes would like to bring in those that couldn't make it to the press conference to the next Board meeting.
 - Mr. Holmes also noted that he and Darryl had met with the controller's office regarding the 501c3. The office is requesting additional information. Len asked Darryl if he thought the meeting was positive and did it appear the controller's office was looking for ways to make the 501c3 status happen. Darryl said yes. It was a matter of trying to get balance and figure out what control the City would have. Mr. Holmes also said that the Mayor and Senator McCaskill were working to get WIA Reauthorization to the committee before session ends in July. If it passes as written, we would be able to get donations, tax write offs and we wouldn't need the 501c3.
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Nominating Committee Update:

- Ed Hamilton said they have chosen to nominate Pat Coleman for Chair and Len Toenjes for Vice-Chair. They haven't decided upon the Secretary position yet.
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Reports:

- Performance/Key Indicators: There were no questions regarding performance. Len asked about communication between the City and County especially in regards to MSD's project. Mr. Holmes said it was good. The county is only wanting to do what is legally required. On the job training has been expanded for SLATE. We can now work with companies in the City, County and St. Charles County. In regards to the Key Indicators, Len asked why the workshop and WIN totals jumped. It was explained due to the Ballpark Village recruitment. Mr. Holmes said the reports for Ballpark Village and the Construction Information Sessions can be given out at the next board meeting.
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Open Discussion-Next Board Meeting Agenda Items:

- Update on Special Projects
- Flag of Freedom

- Budget report
 - Ballpark Village and Construction Information Sessions report (Stacey Fowler)
 - Business Services presentation (Bonnie Forker)
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Other Business:

- Updates from members: Mike- across the country there is a need for 100,000 linemen, the utilities don't have enough staffing. Pat-no updates in regards to business, but suggested business services let companies know OJT is available again. Darryl-no updates in regards to business. Ed-shared concerns about benefits/insurance. Jeff-Job Corps is slightly above capacity and they hope to increase numbers locally. Len-received an update from the AGC of America National Economist. Missouri ranks 45/50 in changes in construction employment. Work hours for February were down 5% from last year. He also stated they are having trouble filling seats at the Construction Careers Center.

Donny Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Jeffrey Taylor seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Next WIB meeting April 16, 2014, 8:00 am.

Next WIB Executive Committee meeting May 21, 2014.